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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77819

Nobuhiko FUJIMORI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/680,139

Group Art Unit: 1742

Confirmation No.: 5094

Examiner: SHEEHAN, JOHN P.

Filed: October 08, 2003

For: Sintered R-Fe-B permanent magnet and its production method

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to Election/Restrictions dated March 3, 2006, Applicants elect the claims of Group I, claims 1-20, drawn to a sintered rare earth-iron boron permanent magnet, etc. Election is without traverse.

Telephone interviews were conducted with the Examiner concerning the election of species set forth in paragraph 7. the Examiner indicated that Paragraph 7 simply meant that one of Groups I to IV must be elected.

Respectfully submitted,

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